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The Season Opens.

This afternoon the baseball season opens with a game between U. F. A. and Hamilton. Though this is but a practice game, it demands the support of the College for the good of both management and team. Being the opening game of the season much will depend upon it. Some of the men will be tried out and the team in general will have a chance to get the fever and gain that poise for the more important games to come which is so necessary to a winning team.

Wednesday afternoon the men were able to use the diamond for the first time this season. It has been filled in and leveled off until it is in pretty fair condition. New bases have been obtained by the management. They are canvas covered instead of leather. It is reported that U. F. A. has an exceptionally strong battery this year. If so the game ought to afford interest to the spectators. However, there should be no trouble in defeating them by a good margin. Every man in College should be present at the game this afternoon. We want some well organized yelling on the side lines this year. The game today will offer an excellent chance for some good practice along this line. The game will be called at 3 p. m. The schedule for the rest of the season is printed below:

- Apr. 21—Utica Free Academy, at Clinton.
 28—Auburn Theo. Sem., at Clinton.
 May 5—Union, at Schenectady.
 8—Rochester, at Clinton.
 11—Hobart, at Clinton.
 15—Colgate, at Clinton.
 18—Middlebury, at Clinton.
 24—Syracuse, at Syracuse.
 25—Hobart, at Geneva.
 26—Rochester, at Rochester.
 June 1—Union, at Clinton.
 6—Colgate, at Hamilton.

—Jenks, '06, has been named to be recommended to the Trustees as the incumbent of the Root fellowship.

K. P. Orators Announced.

Directly after prayers Friday morning the following men were announced as competitors for the Fifty-first Clark Prize of \$50.00: Barrows, Edie, Haven, McLean, Purdy and Stryker.

Colgate Meet to Be Cancelled.

The Athletic Association held a meeting directly after Chapel last Saturday noon. Owing to the fact that the Faculty had decided that we must cancel one of the meets scheduled by the Track Manager, it was necessary to decide as to which one could be best cancelled. After a small amount of discussion it was decided to cancel the dual meet with Colgate. This action seemed advisable because the Intercollegiate for the last five years has practically been a meet between Hamilton and Colgate, and two dual meets between the same colleges are too many for one season. However, if reports are true concerning Rochester's track material for this season, there may be some close competition at the Intercollegiate this year.

Prof. Davenport on "Wealth and Democracy."

Professor Davenport was one of the speakers at the tenth annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce which was held in the Masonic Temple in Utica Monday night. The guest of honor was Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, Secretary of the Treasury. Addresses were also given by George E. Dunham, '79, and Hon. Ellis H. Roberts. Prof. Davenport's subject was "Wealth and Democracy." He treated this subject with a master hand, showing how great corporate wealth in its present tendencies constitutes a terrible menace to democracy. The granting of extensive franchises to a privileged few by the municipal and state governments, he argued, has been in part the cause of the accumulation of large fortunes in the hands of the few.

Throughout his speech was received with enthusiasm. More than any other man on the Faculty, except perhaps Dr. Stryker, Prof. Davenport is in demand as a public speaker.

Competition Closes May 10th.

May 10th has been set as the day upon which competition will close for the '91 Manuscript Prize. That there may be a general understanding in the College of the conditions under which this prize is offered, we reprint the following letter from the donors:

SEPTEMBER 30, 1905.

To the Editors of Hamilton Lit:

Gentlemen:—With a view to encouraging original literary effort, the undersigned members of the class of '91 desire to offer through you, for competition by the undergraduate body of Hamilton College, a cash prize of \$25.00 yearly to run for the term of five years. This prize is to be known as "The '91 Manuscript Prize." Primarily its aim is to stimulate creative interest as expressed in contributions to the regular college magazines. Therefore, it has seemed best to the donors to establish, as the medium of composition, the present form of undergraduate journalism at Hamilton, and to make the management of the competition entirely a matter of undergraduate control.

To be eligible a manuscript must have been published or accepted for publication in either the *Hamilton Literary Magazine*, *HAMILTON LIFE*, or *The Hamiltonian*. No essay, oration, or thesis designed for or entered in any recognized academic competition for writing, shall be considered; but this shall not apply to literary work in the regular course not competing for an academic prize.

Only prose writing may be entered. The contesting manuscripts must be creative in character; under which head is included broadly, fiction, descriptive narrative, editorials, and contributions upon subjects of contemporaneous col-

lege interest. To distinguish by example: in the latter class, an article on the tendencies of modern athletics would be eligible, while a thesis on the influence of science on 19th century literature, would not. No restriction as to length is set, other than the limits proper to the nature of the college publications' demands.

Such conditions as relate to the opening and closing of the competitions, the formal award of the prize, and the determination of the successful manuscript, will be decided by the combined editorial boards of the *Hamilton Literary Magazine*, *HAMILTON LIFE*, and *The Hamiltonian*, or a quorum thereof; or by judges delegated by them. It shall be within the province of the united boards in any year to declare no award, in case the contesting manuscripts fail to fulfill satisfactorily the conditions under which the prize is offered.

Trusting that we may have the co-operation of your board in this matter, we are respectfully yours,

SAMUEL H. ADAMS,

GEORGE M. WEAVER, Jr.

C. P. S. Outweighed.

X The redoubtable Job Lots baseball team defeated the representatives of the Clinton Prep. School last Thursday afternoon. The scene of disorder was Wheeler's back yard; the crowd good, but not numerous; the gate receipts nine cents—Nellis five and Fake four. The Job Lots had an immense advantage in weight, tipping the scales at an average of 153, while their diminutive opponents struck a mean of perhaps 97. The disparity in ages was very marked, but both these details may be overlooked as Benedict arranged the game. To those who know "Benny" a hint is a surfeit.

"Alexandria" Thompson, '06, acted the part of umpire. Mr. Thompson has a splendid physique and his facial expression is beyond criticism. His voice, however, is certainly too full for the ordinary ten-acre lot, and his coaching of the pitchers was very poor. His make-up was effective, his "swell city" floating collar being especially admired. With practice, experience and knowledge of the rules, Thompson will do very well in slop-stick comedy, but in his present frame of mind is *de trop* on the baseball field.

The first eight innings were very tame and the Job Lots' score crept up rapidly. Bloyer, —the bulbous tosser—pitched far too well, and in the ninth saved the

team's reputation by retiring in favor of Stryker, who was all that could be desired as a comic supplement to the game. He threw one strike which Sicard met half way to the pitcher's box, so that it had no chance to go wild. Beyond the bat, Sicard, who held Stryker, caught everything that he couldn't possibly avoid. Benedict on first was picturesque. "Benny" is a paragon of the persistent infancy of the race. His star play was achieved in putting out Stryker, who ran down from second to back him up. Stryker showed good head work in circling the bases on a caught fly, and kicking on the decision when Thompson accidentally called him out. "Prof." Carroll on third is accused of trying deliberately to throw the game in order to get a "supe" with his hopefuls. At any rate he was rotten. Other lesser stars, who moved around the diamond were Spedick, Driscoll, MacDonald—all were neat. Nellis acted as substitute and score-keep until tea time, when he left sheepishly. Drummond "fanned" for the Jobbers and did good work till Principal Wheeler suppressed the masculinity of his dialect.

All in all the game was good, though the comic element were hardly riotous or frequent enough. The team played ball too much, and failed to realize the ultimate Job Lot ambition of being useless, ridiculous, and amusing at the same time. However, lack of practice doubtless accounts for that. Manager Benedict is arranging a large schedule for the season and hopes to be able to purchase a brand new ten-center "Boy's Favorite" baseball for the next game.

The Nashville Convention.

A privilege which comes only once to a college student, unless indeed, he be a "five-year" man, is that of attending the International Student Volunteer Convention. This year it was held in Nashville, and on the last two days of February thousands of students from all over the United States and Canada came pouring into the city, till it seemed as if it would be over-crowded. Wherever you went you were constantly meeting young men and women wearing their gay college ribbons: first you recognize the colors of Michigan, then the red and white of McGill, next it was Stanford, then Texas, Pennsylvania, and Iowa State, and so on and on till you wondered if you were really a part of this enormous student body.

Every morning and evening this endless and ever-hurrying crowd gathered in its calm, simple way to fill the large Auditorium. Every meeting began in the quietness of holy thought and closed in the silence of five thousand unuttered prayers. The addresses, always upon some phase of foreign missions, were short and pointed, full of most sober and sacred thoughts, delivered in fervid earnestness, yet often tinged with pleasant humor; the prayers were brief, sincere, and searching; the songs were messages to every heart, and altogether made an appeal to the very soul, so direct and impressive that once heard could never be dismissed.

There were three of the many addresses, which will be especially remembered by all who heard them. The first was by Mr. Robt. E. Speer on "The Inadequacy of Non-Christian Religions to meet the Needs of Men," in which, waiving many of the objections often urged against these beliefs, he proved in a most scholarly way by a series of four successive steps, that the non-Christian faiths, Mohammedanism, Buddhism, Confucianism, etc., were unable to meet and satisfy the demands of the human mind and heart. Of an entirely different character was the talk by Bishop MacDowell, of Chicago. The force of this address lay largely in the repetition of a single Scripture verse. Time and again this simple verse was spoken, and with such power that for days afterward there kept ringing in hundreds of ears the words: "What soever He saith unto you, do it."

To appreciate the third of these talks referred to, one must understand the situation under which it was spoken. It was the closing session of the convention on Sunday evening. For four days the meetings had been growing in power. Men and women from countries all over the world had spoken on the subject in which they were most deeply interested, and missionary enthusiasm was now at a high pitch. The meeting has been hushed to a spirit of reverence by the reading of a list of the volunteers who had died since the last convention, some of whom had been murdered by the hostile citizens of their chosen foreign land. Cablegrams had been read from Brazil, Korea, Japan and China, which in themselves were personal pleas for help. More impressive still had been the simple testimonies of nearly a hundred vol-

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CONTRARY TO THE CUSTOM of previous years only two men have been elected to the LIFE Board from the class of 1909. Now this does not mean that there is no room for more, providing there are those in the class who are willing and competent to work. Either at the end of this term or at the beginning of next fall term there will be another election from the class of 1909. At least one and possibly two men will be taken on, depending of course on the number who show themselves worthy of the honor. The Board wants and needs men who are willing to work. The common lazy man, so frequently met with, is not desired. The kind who, after he has palmed himself off on the Board in the deceiving form of a gold brick, is prone to sulk back and leave things for the next fellow, is only a burden, and without him the Board can do better work. From this issue on, close account of all contributions from competing Freshmen will be kept, and the one who at the end of the term has done the best work both from the standpoint of quality and quantity, will receive the distinction of election to the LIFE Board. LIFE offers an excel-

lent school for the man who has a desire to learn to write well, so we urge any man who has such a desire to begin at once and work hard.

THE INDIGNATION WHICH has been aroused in the student body by the interdictive action of the Faculty relative to track athletics is entirely righteous. Every man in College sees the narrowness and shortsightedness of the attitude taken by the Faculty in this matter. The members of the track team are especially disappointed, and justifiably so, for they are the ones who do the work that Hamilton may be well represented in this branch of athletics. A whole season of hard training and only two meets. The importance of track athletics is not recognized. It is one of the cleanest sports in vogue and one which requires careful and consistent training, together with good coaching, if a winning team is desired. This season we are to have a superior coach in Mr. Watson. Having good material at hand he will no doubt turn out a team capable of doing some fast work. Evidently the Faculty fail to appreciate these facts. At least they overlook them. By cutting down a schedule already too small they have made the track team scarcely worth trying for. They did practically the same thing last year. A strong protest went up from the student body, but to no avail. We feel that nothing will avail now; yet once again we ask that track athletics be more generously recognized by the Faculty, in order that the efforts made by the men in this department may seem worth while.

THE DEDICATION OF *The Hamiltonian* to another than a graduate of Hamilton College is a departure from the custom of previous Boards. This year the Board has seen fit to dedicate the book to Prof. Davenport, who is a Wesleyan man. By some this departure is thought to be an unwise move. It is held that *The Hamiltonian* should honor the graduates of Hamilton in preference and precedence to those of any other college. To this we do not agree. On the contrary we believe that the honor is most fittingly given

to Prof. Davenport, even though he be a graduate of another college. Nor is the honor entirely his, for full proud may the Board be of having the privilege of dedicating the book to such a man. Not a Hamilton graduate but a strong supporter of Hamilton, and one who, though here not a long time, has come to have a love for us and the College as strong as that of many a graduate. He has quickly found an enviable place in the esteem of the student body.

In all the activities of the College he takes a keen interest and is ever willing to lend his support where it is needed. We congratulate the Board upon its choice.

THE BASEBALL MANAGER reports that he is meeting with considerable trouble in getting subscriptions to help defray the expenses of baseball. There is evidenced on the part of some a tight-fisted reluctance to help things along in a financial way. In many cases this is true where the men seem amply able to give a liberal subscription. The excuse is offered by some that the method resorted to last fall to raise money for football was so distasteful to them that they do not feel disposed to support athletics by any system of subscription whatsoever. We grant that the method used last fall was a bad one; but it was one which has been used here in past years with success and satisfaction. Up to three years ago subscriptions for athletics were regularly taken in this way. But whatever be the merits of this method, the fact that it was distasteful to some last fall is a frail excuse for them to offer for the non-support of athletics. We must remember that the manager can accomplish little if he is crippled financially. If the College does not stand back of him with generous subscriptions they must not expect a coach or anything that involves heavy expense. The College has always stood willing and ready to lend its support in past years, and it should now. Of course there are cases where a man cannot afford to give a subscription to every branch of athletics. But the average man can, and ought to. So when the manager

approaches you don't offer such a feeble excuse as the one mentioned above, but sign your name quickly for just what you can afford to give.

D. T. "Tap-Day."

For the information of the Freshmen who, owing to their position as first-year students, may not know everything of college ways and customs, we offer these few words explanatory of the title of this article. Nearly all Freshmen know, no doubt, that D. T. is a Sophomore society. Further than that they are all, as yet, in ignorance. More specifically D. T. is an honorary Sophomore society, founded to take the place of the T N E Fraternity, which formerly had a chapter here. In spring-term thirteen Freshmen are "tapped" and then "corked." For a short time they wear their pledge of faith, until that eventful night when they "kiss the goddess" and yield submission to the — in "mystic red room." When once initiated they are at liberty to share in the social pleasures, to further which this society was organized. To make D. T. is not a cinch, and there are only thirteen men taken from a class, so that it is now up to the Freshmen. The most active and generally satisfactory men will be elected, and then—well, their turn will come next year.

Men in Western Electric.

The Western Electric Company, of Chicago, is constantly on the lookout for college men, and has an inexhaustible amount of positions that are open to the right kind. Branch houses are gradually being opened in all parts of the world, extending from Tokio to Cape-town, and from San Francisco to London, Berlin and the continent. These branch houses are almost without exception managed by college men. Hamilton is well represented in this huge concern. Speh, '01, is manager of the Omaha branch. Butler, '02, holds the same position in Kansas City. DeVotie, '03, is traffic manager of the New York City branch. Stiles, '05, is also in the New York office. Speh, '05, is head of the equipment inspection department in Chicago, with Hicok, '01, and Richardson, '05, working with him. Bristol, '04, is advertising manager in Chicago. There is room for many more, and a letter to the company will elicit full information.

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College Notes.

—Miller, ex-'08, visited the Hill Monday.

—McIntyre, '05, was around College this week.

—Elihu Root, Jr., '03, has been on the Hill this week.

—The Seniors had their class picture taken Tuesday.

—J. M. Holley, '66, visited the Hollys, '08, over Sunday.

—The report that Madame Kelly had deserted is unfounded.

—Lambert, '03, was on the Campus a couple of days last week.

—Simmons, '08, has been added to the list of Sophomore "Prize Stab."

—Kellogg, '08, has been added to the list for Sophomore "Prize Stab."

—Jenks, Sullivan, Farrell and Jordan, all '05, were on the hill this week.

—The "Job Lots" played their first game against Clinton Prep. School.

—Branch, '08, has returned to College. He has been absent on "sick leave."

—Dr. Hudson Peck, '60, president of R. P. I., visited the Hill this week.

—Roenke and Leavenworth, '09, have been taken to the track training table.

—Prof. Ibbotson attended the Utica Presbytery in Waterville, Wednesday.

—The Botany class complain that they can't keep "Bugs" off their specimens.

—Gilbert, '07, and Bennett, '06, are attending the Chi Psi convention in Detroit.

—Bramley, '06, will not play baseball this spring, as he feels that he cannot afford the time.

—Several Hamilton men attended the Alpha Kappa sorority dance in Clinton Wednesday evening.

—Hunter, '04, has accepted the position of assistant pastor in the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

—The "Medicine Show" in Clinton proved to be a good drawing card, and the men came home laden with soap, but no medicine.

—Born: To Mr. and Mrs. John L. Strickland, of Carthage, a son, on April 12, 1906. Strickland is a member of the Class of 1904.

—A portion of the Mandolin Club, under the direction of Purdy, '06, rendered a selection at the concert given at the Stone Church, Sunday afternoon.

—"Sam" Adams, '02, has written a story in collaboration, entitled "The Mystery." It is published in the May number of *The American Magazine*.

—Square has ordered three bricks of different colors which he will use in giving the Freshmen exercise in choosing the middle one of three given objects.

—The "soreheads," who shone in basket-ball last winter, under the able management of Kuolt, '07, are organizing a baseball team in opposition to the job lots.

—With "Heinie" guarding the front and Prex, "bringing up the rear as a guard to the baggage," the Sophomore-Freshmen chapels are kept in fairly good order.

—Nearly everyone on the Hill has taken in at least one of the many good shows offered at the Majestic this week. It is very seldom so many good productions come in so short a time.

—There is to be a handsome trophy case placed in the front room of Commons Hall. It is the gift of the alumni and will prove a fitting receptacle for cups and trophies won by Hamilton athletes.

—Manager Getman, of the Freshman baseball team, called a class meeting this week and secured the names of a number of candidates for the team. With practice the Freshmen ought to do well this spring.

—The following have been appointed as Commencement speakers: Barrows, Brokaw, Driscoll, Fitch, Garvey, Gentes, Jenks, Kellogg, McLean, Miller, Sicard, Sittig, Tanner, Thompson and Watson.

—Holmes, '08, is evidently preparing for a course in dairying. In French, a day or two ago, he asked Prof. Shepard, whom he must think an authority: "What must I do with the cows when I have floored them?"

—While in the throes of Freshman Dutch, Schnitzie sent the usual delegation to the board. In the course of this painful operation he gave forth the following: "Mr. Truax, das Wunder." We agree with him.

—Wednesday noon chapel was a very quiet, sepulchral event, to use Hank White's adjective. In fact it was so quiet that it got noisy listening to the atmosphere. Maybe that was what bothered the Scotchman.

—The subject for the Prize Debate has been announced as follows: "Resolved: That United States Senators Should be Elected by Direct Vote of the People." Though this subject is a much debated one it still offers opportunity for some hard work.

—Tennis opened this week with early practice games. The tournament is to start soon, and the entry list is now open. Names should be handed in as soon as possible to Purdy, '06. The entrance fee will be 25 cents. An excellent racquet will be awarded to the winner.

—It is about time the curtain was rung down on the chess tournament. It has served its purpose; that is, it has given an excuse for news (?) and knocks. But it would be interesting to know who is to have the honor of first having his name graven where future generations may read.

—It is rumored that several K. P. orations have been thrown out on account of technicalities. In some the paper was larger than the specified 8x11 inches, in others the text was not folioed or the oration was too long. The list of the successful men will be announced next Friday at morning chapel.

—One of the most crying and immediate needs of the College equipment is new benches for the tennis courts. Considering the matches that are to take place on the Hill, a referee's stand between the two College courts is also necessary. The old precarious perch on the roller for the umpire is at once unsightly and uncomfortable.

—It is with great pleasure that we announce a new joke from the Latin department, doubtless hatched out by the balmy springtime. Lewis, '09, got a notion he was Vesuvius in Latin class, and set off a bunch of matches he had in his pocket. Wardie, noticing the smoke, the turmoil and the odor, announced: "Well, Mr. Lewis, if you want to put me out, leave the room."

—The first of the annual crop of Sophomore debate jokes was sprung Wednesday:

Prex (vehemently)—Do you know how you look?

Kitson (surprised)—Why—er, no.

Prex (sarcastically)—I congratulate you.

The Nashville Convention.

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unteers, who expected soon to sail, telling to what country they are going, and why. While all bowed their heads the quartette had sung "Speed Away"; the audience had joined with them in that song of prayer:

"Oh hear us while we pray to Thee
For those in peril on the sea."

Then as the climax to all this came that last brief talk by Mr. Speer, asking that vast assembly to "lift up their eyes and look upon the fields, white already to harvest," urging them to count no cost too great; an almost irresistible appeal for a parting message.

But it is almost impossible to give any adequate conception of that great convention, and what it meant to those who attended. For four days a subject was kept uppermost in mind, which is often neglected and regarded as fanatical. But certainly no one who saw those earnest, happy missionaries and listened to their quiet eloquence, could help but understand and almost reverence them. The very facts that an Ex-Secretary of State and the British Ambassador to the United States consented to speak at this gathering, that seven hundred educational institutions sent together over 3000 delegates, and that missionaries from countries all over the world were present, speak for themselves.

One of the greatest pleasures and privileges of the whole convention was to meet not only those men and women who were sacrificing so much for the cause they represented, but also the young men and women from colleges and universities all over the United States and Canada. They were not

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